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PROGRAM Barry Gray Show at 11:00 PM

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DISCUSS CIA'S ROLE IN CUBA

Barry Gray's guests included playwright and producer Robert Alan Aurthur, actors Burgess Meredith and Albert Becker.

At this point, Barry Gray talked about President Kennedy's message concerning the self-curtailment of the free press.

AURTHUR: "Now, let me ask a question about a specific."

GRAY: "All right."

AURTHUR: "Because this is really what he's talking about, the story about--in the New York Times about the CIA and the Cuban thing, that's really what he was--what sort of started this whole thing."

GRAY: "He didn't say so."

AURTHUR: "But that's what the furor's been about in the last few days."

GRAY: "I would have to read his mind to say that."

AURTHUR: "Would you--would you say it was bad security to have broken this story in newspaper?"

GRAY: "I would say that..."

AURTHUR: "In a free society."

GRAY: "In a free society. I've stated this opinion before. Bob, we've had a very knotty week with Cuba. I wrote a letter to my sister the other day, and I said, I'm up to my hips in Cubans. We've had some pretty good hassles around here..."

(Overlapping conversation)

GRAY: "I do not know how well we did, but we've had some hassles. But let me say this. I do not believe that--you've asked for personal opinions..."